Past Potentates

*Edgar P. Tobey	1882-1883
*Marvin E. Smith	1884
*James H. Thompson	1885-1886
*Martin Howard	1887-1888
John A. May	1889-1890
*William A. Stiles	1891-1892
*William M. Knight	1893-1894
Chester T. Drake	1895-1896
Robert M. Johnson	1897-1898
Frank C. Roundy	1899-1900
John W. Swatek	1901-1902
Samuel H. Smith	1903-1904
*Harris W. Huehl	1905-1906
*James B. McFatrich	1907
*Nelson N. Lampert	1908-1909
John C. Hallenbeck	1910
Robert J. Daly	1911-1912
John Heist	1913
Oscar A. Kropf	1914
John P. Garner	1915
Julius R. Butzow	1916
Acors W. Rathbun	1917
Thomas J. Houston	1918
William J. Downey	1919
Christopher Van Deventer	1920
Ralph E. Lidster	1921
Will H. Wade	1922

*Deceased.

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Medinah Temple

A.A.O.N.M.S.

CASS, OHIO AND ONTARIO STREETS
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of

Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and Chicago Medinah Temple Association will be held on

Wednesday Evening

DECEMBER 26TH, 1923

at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

AT MEDINAH TEMPLE

Doors open at 6:30 o'clock p. m.

The reports of the various officers for the year 1923 will be presented, the election of Officers and Representatives to the Imperial Council for the year 1924 will be held, and all matters of business proper to come before said meetings will be taken up.

You cannot be admitted unless you show the 1923 card at the door. Admission at Cass Street entrance ONLY.

JAMES TODD
Potentate and President

EDWARD L. JOHNSON
Chief Rabban

ARTHUR H. VINCENT
Assistant Rabban

Attest:
SAMUEL H. SMITH
Recorder and Secretary
14 East Ohio St.

Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

OFFICERS 1923

Illustrious Potentate	James Todd
Chief Rabban	Edward L. Johnson
Assistant Rabban	Arthur H. Vincent
High Priest and Prophet	John W. Swatek
Oriental Guide	E. Edwin Mills
Treasurer	Robert M. Johnson
Recorder	Samuel H. Smith

FINANCE COMMITTEE

James Todd — Edward L. Johnson
Robert J. Daly — Arthur H. Vincent — Oscar A. Kropf

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL

James Todd
Thomas J. Houston
Robert J. Daly, (Hon.)
Will H. Wade
Frank C. Roundy, (Ad Vitam)

Medinah Temple

ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER OF THE NOBLES
OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE

and

CHICAGO MEDINAH TEMPLE
ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORTS

RECORDER *and* TREASURER

NOVEMBER THE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE

:: IMPORTANT ::

1924 dues are payable January 1st, 1924, and the assessment of $2.00 levied by the Imperial Council for the hospital for crippled children must be paid at the same time. This makes your remittance **$7.00.** Remember, 1924 cards cannot be issued until the full amount of **$7.00** is received by the Recorder.

We are required by the law of the Imperial Council to pay the Hospital Assessment before March 1st for every member on our rolls at the close of the year 1923. Therefore pay your dues promptly.

The following reports of the Treasurer and Recorder of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. and the Treasurer and Secretary of Chicago Medinah Temple Association shows net gains as follows:

Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.	$118,298.84
Chicago Medinah Temple Association	64,742.94
Total net gains for the year 1923	$183,041.78

The Valedictory Address of the Potentate

To the Nobility of Medinah Temple:

In laying down the sceptre of authority which was placed in his hands on the 29th day of December, 1922, your Potentate desires briefly to review Medinah's accomplishments during the past year.

Medinah's circus and carnival netted $64,219.36. The pilgrimage to Washington consisted of four trains carrying approximately 800 Nobles and ladies, and Medinah was represented in the parades by 483 Nobles in uniform. The expense of this trip amounted to $36,736.94. Medinah Temple entertained visiting Nobles in Chicago going to and returning from Washington during the Imperial Council session at an expense of $16,338.52. While this entertainment was authorized by the Temple to be taken out of the general fund at its January Ceremonial, nevertheless the deducting of this amount from the balance remaining after paying the Washington pilgrimage still leaves from the circus profits $11,143.90. The invitation of Ainad Temple for the dedicatory services connected with the opening of its new mosque, Medinah Temple accepted, and made the pilgrimage with its officers and uniform bodies to the number of 327 and acted as an escort to the Imperial Potentate. The total expense of this pilgrimage was $7,768.03, which deducted from the sum remaining in the circus profits leaves still a balance in said profits of $3,375.87. It will be seen that the profits from the circus more than covered the entire outlay for the pilgrimage to Washington, the entertainment of our visitors and the pilgrimage to East St. Louis, without drawing upon the general funds of the Temple for that purpose.

The uniform bodies, consisting of the Chanters and the Brass Band were completely uniformed. The Patrol and Oriental Band were supplied with new uniforms to meet the necessary requirements for their increased organizations.

It is a source of great gratification to the Potentate to find that during the past year 1,118 poor sons of the desert crossed the burning sands.

It may be interesting to the Nobility to be informed as to the result of the referendum ballot recently sent out, upon the questions of donating $50,000.00 to purchase a site for the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children and $50,000.00 for the erection of a new building for the Illinois Masonic Hospital. The result of that vote was as follows: 8,973 as against 1,904 voted for giving $50,000.00 to purchase a site for the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, and 9,641 as against 834 voted to give $50,000.00 to the Illinois Masonic Hospital. This action was confirmed and ratified by the Temple at its November 22nd, 1923, business session.

The report of the membership and the financial statement of the Temple, under the administration of the present Potentate, are disclosed in the statements of the Auditor which are printed in this Notice and the Potentate invites your careful reading of them that you may be personally advised of the matters therein contained.

In looking back over the year that has passed, your Potentate is not unmindful of the fact that he has not been able to satisfy the entire Nobility of Medinah Temple in regard to everything which he has done, but he consoles himself with the knowledge and the thought that his actions have been guided entirely by the desire to serve Medinah Temple as a whole and not cater to the individual. His ambition has been to place Medinah Temple in the forefront of Shrinedom and to give to the Nobility, as a whole, entertainments of the highest character so that everything would harmonize with Masonic teachings. He has appreciated that the Temple belongs to the Nobility as a whole and whatever would contribute to the happiness and welfare of the entire Nobility would serve to advance Medinah's interest. He desires to make acknowledgment at this time to the entire Nobility for the uniform courtesy that each Noble has extended to him individually since he has been honored as Potentate, and to assure the Nobility that in the years to come, as an evidence of the appreciation of the honor that has been conferred upon him, he will ever be ready to devote his time and service to whatever contributes to the best interest and welfare of Medinah Temple.

During the past year the organizations of the Temple, both uniform and ununiformed, have been loyal, devoted, self-sacrificing and dependable. The Divan of Officers in and out of season have given their able assistance and support to the Potentate and he desires here to bear testimony of his appreciation for this untiring loyalty and assistance and to acknowledge the debt of gratitude which Medinah Temple owes to the individual Nobles comprising those organizations.

To the Nobility of Medinah Temple scattered in the four corners of the earth, the Potentate sends Christmas greetings and cheer, and in contemplation of the diversion of $100,000.00 from the current of fun-loving purposes into the channels of Christian charity, let every Noble take a personal pride in Medinah's accomplishment and rejoice that this appropriation is the milestone marking Medinah's greatest triumph for God and humanity.

Vale atque salve.

Yours in the Faith,

James Todd

Potentate

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1923

SAMUEL H. SMITH, Recorder

Crossed the Burning Sands Year 1923	1,118	
Affiliated During Year 1923	78	
Reinstated During Year 1923	107	1,303
Suspended During Year 1923	39	
Demitted During Year 1923	77	
Deceased During Year 1923	253	369
Gain for Year 1923		934
Total Membership to Date		22,041

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

NOVEMBER 30, 1923

ROBERT M. JOHNSON, Treasurer

Cash on Hand November 30, 1922	$ 24,388.85	
Receipts During Year 1923	410,216.32	
		$434,605.17
Disbursements for Year 1923		398,548.78
Balance—Cash on Hand November 30, 1923 (First National Bank)		$ 36,056.39
Securities in Hands of Robert M. Johnson, Treasurer (Deposited in Vault of First National Bank)		
Liberty Bonds (Par Value)	$158,000.00	
Liberty Bonds (Par Value) Held in Reserve for Ill. Masonic Hospital Assn. Building Fund	25,000.00	
U. S. Certificates (Par Value)	515,000.00	
Total		$698,000.00

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1923

SAMUEL H. SMITH, Recorder

ASSETS

Accounts Receivable (Includes Hospital Assessment and Dues for 1924)	$162,379.00
Cash—First National Bank	36,056.39
Chicago Medinah Temple Assn. (Rent Paid in Advance)	35,627.60
Furniture and Fixtures	8,541.10
Paraphernalia	37,209.77
U. S. Liberty Bonds in Hands of Treasurer (Par Value)	183,000.00
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness in Hands of Treasurer (ParValue)	515,000.00
Unexpired Insurance	5,465.49
Total Assets	$983,279.35

LIABILITIES

Imperial Recorder—	
Hospital Assessment for 1924	$ 44,082.00
Initiation Fees (Paid in Advance)	200.00
Surplus and Reserves (See Note Below)	938,997.35
Total Liabilities	$983,279.35
Net Gain for Year 1923	$118,298.84

NOTE—In accordance with resolutions the following reserves have been set aside out of surplus:

Illinois Masonic Hospital Assn. (Building Fund)	$ 25,000.00
Illinois Masonic Hospital Assn. (Building Fund)	50,000.00
Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children (Hospital Site)	50,000.00
Total Reserved	$125,000.00
The Combined Surplus and Reserves of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. and Chicago Medinah Temple Assn.	$1,709,553.13

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1923

SAMUEL H. SMITH, Recorder

Balance in Hands of Treasurer November 30, 1922		$ 24,388.85
RECEIPTS		
Affiliations	$ 2,235.00	
Dues	104,172.00	
Hospital Assessment for Year 1923	39,574.00	
Medinah Society Circus	64,219.36	
Initiation Fees	169,480.00	
Interest on Bank Balance	1,252.49	
Interest on Liberty Bonds	14,760.20	
Interest on Certificates of Indebtedness	14,523.27	410.216.32
		$434,605.17
DISBURSEMENTS		
Banquets	$ 34,951.40	
Building Expense:		
Help	$15,327.05	
Supplies	526.92	
Towels	285.51	
Ice and Water	407.61	
Light and Power	4,926.17	
Heat	1,912.07	
Real Estate Taxes for 1922	12,093.33	
Ventilation	547.00	
License, 1923	300.00	
License, Canopy	300.00	
Tuckpointing	2,535.00	
Terra Cotta for Building	3,180.05	
Copper on Roof	1,235.00	
Copper Pans in Domes	1,578.00	
Sidewalk Prismic Light	646.00	
Cleaning Walls and Painting	906.50	
Street Cleaning	218.20	
Laundry	63.92	
Hauling	109.00	
Night Watchman	175.50	
Sundry Repairs	1,395.51	
Lamps	39.66	
Ash Cans	132.00	
Special Assessment Tax	328.10	
Miscellaneous	247.42	49,415.52
Carried Forward		$84.366.92 $434,605.17

Medinah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING, NOVEMBER 30, 1923

SAMUEL H. SMITH, Recorder

Brought Forward	$84,366.92	$434,605.17
Cigars	4,601.02	
Entertaining Visiting Temples Passing Through Chicago—Imperial Potentates and Parties, Music, etc., etc.,	27,721.04	
Exchange on Checks	56.24	
Flowers	3,943.83	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,800.65	
General Expense	5,414.52	
Donation to Masonic Orphans' Home	1,000.00	
Donation to Illinois Masonic Old Folks' Home	300.00	
Donation to Illinois Eastern Star Home	500.00	
Donation to Boy Scouts of America	500.00	
Donation to Japan Earthquake Sufferers	1,000.00	
Insurance	7,721.64	
Imperial Council—Dues and Diplomas	8,070.00	
Expense on Account of East St. Louis Trip	7,768.03	
Expense on Account of Pilgrimage to Washington	36,736.94	
Imperial Recorder—Hospital Assessment 1923	42,012.00	
Interest Accrued on Bonds Purchased	911.65	
Lectures	4,507.40	
Paraphernalia and Uniforms	18,913.85	
Past Potentate's Gift	700.00	
Postage	3,880.71	
Premium on Bonds Purchased	128.12	
Bonds Purchased	2,969.06	
Certificates of Indebtedness Purchased	85,000.00	
Printing	25,223.11	
Salaries, (Recorder, Office, Stage, Help on Doors, Wardrobe and Organist)	13,789.55	
Treasurer's Salary 1922 and 1923	950.00	
Audit Fee	300.00	
War Tax Refunded	7,762.50	398,548.78
Cash Balance November 30, 1923		$ 36,056.39

Chicago Medinah Temple Association

REPORT OF TREASURER

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

NOVEMBER 30, 1923

ROBERT M. JOHNSON, Treasurer

Cash on Hand November 30, 1922	$ 3,265.92	
Receipts During Year 1923	74,511.97	
		$ 77,777.89
Disbursements During Year 1923		66,217.84
Balance—Cash on Hand November 30, 1923 (First National Bank)		$11,560.05
Securities in Hands of Robert M. Johnson, Treasurer		
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness (Par Value)	$65,000.00	
U. S. Liberty Bonds (Par Value)	37,000.00	
Total		$102,000.00
(Deposited in Vaults of First National Bank)		

Chicago Medinah Temple Association

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1923

SAMUEL H. SMITH, Secretary

ASSETS

Cash—First National Bank, Chicago, Illinois	$ 11,560.05
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness in Hands of Treasurer	65,000.00
U. S. Liberty Bonds in Hands of Treasurer	37,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,310.76
Real Estate	686,312.57
Total Assets	$806,183.38

LIABILITIES

Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.:	
Rent Paid in Advance	$ 35,627.60
Surplus	770,555.78
Total Liabilities	$806,183.38
Net Gain for Year 1923	$64,742.94
The Combined Surplus and Reserves of Chicago Medinah Temple Association and Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.	$1,709,553.13

Chicago Medinah Temple Association

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1923

SAMUEL H. SMITH, Secretary

Balance in Hands of Treasurer November 30, 1922		$ 3,265.92
RECEIPTS		
Interest on Bank Balance	$ 229.46	
Interest on Certificates of Indebtedness	3,263.10	
Interest on Liberty Bonds	213.75	
Sundry Rentals	41,805.66	
Liberty Bonds Matured and Paid	9,000.00	
Certificates of Indebtedness Matured and Paid	20,000.00	74,511.97
		$77,777.89
DISBURSEMENTS		
Invested—Certificates of Indebtedness and Liberty Bonds	$65,581.45	
Interest Accrued on Certificates of Indebtedness Purchased	386.39	
Refund on Rent Payment	250.00	66,217.84
Balance—Cash on Hand November 30, 1923 (First National Bank)		$11,560.05

Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

SPECIAL STATEMENT

Condensed Statement in Regard to Circus—Year 1923, Washington Pilgrimage—June 3rd to 8th, 1923, and Trip to East St. Louis, Account Dedication of Ainad Shrine Temple, October 26th, 1923

CIRCUS

Net Profit on Medinah Temple Circus, Year 1923		$64,219.36
DEDUCT		
Washington Pilgrimage, June 3–8, 1923, Net Expense	$36,736.94	
Trip to East St. Louis and Return, October 26th, 1923, Net Expense	7,768.03	44,504.97
Balance of Unexpended Profit Remaining in General Fund of Medinah Temple		$19,714.39

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have audited the books and records of MEDINAH TEMPLE, A. A. O. N. M. S., and CHICAGO MEDINAH TEMPLE ASSOCIATION, as of November 30th, 1923, checked the securities in the hands of the Treasurer, verified the bank balances and found all in accordance with the foregoing statements.

H. H. SEEKAMP,
Auditor.

Chicago, Ill.
December 10th, 1923.

November 22, 1923.

MR. JAMES TODD, *Potentate*,
Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.
137 S. LaSalle St.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Potentate:—

There has come to my attention an opportunity to do something that will redound to the lasting credit of our Order.

The Harding Memorial Association has been incorporated for the purpose of purchasing the home of President Harding at Marion, Ohio, an erection of a Mausoleum, and the endowment of a Harding Chair in diplomacy and functions of Government in some existing University.

The matter has thus far received hearty approval from many quarters, not the least of which is the touching readiness of the Nobility across the line in Canada to contribute, which generous offer comes to me unsolicited. Surely we can but do likewise. This is an appeal to your patriotism; to your appreciation of our lamented President who did so much to elevate the Mystic Shrine. His last message in the Nation's Capitol was addressed to the Imperial Council.

It is not in the scope of my authority to more than appeal to the Nobility of your Temple for a voluntary contribution. Please read this letter at your December Session. The President of the United States and his entire Cabinet, with other distinguished men are the incorporators. They hope that many will contribute a little, rather than a few give much.

Wherever I have spoken on this subject the response was generous. Many of our members do not attend your Sessions, but doubtless will be glad of the opportunity to give.

Please send your contribution to the Imperial Recorder and report to me at the same time.

Yours in the Faith,

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CONRAD V. DYKEMAN,
Imperial Potentate.

Your Potentate heartily endorses the recommendation of the Imperial Potentate and believes it would be to the eternal credit of the Nobility of Medinah Temple to generously respond to this tribute to our deceased brother, Noble Warren G. Harding, and all contributions should be sent to the Recorder, Samuel H. Smith, so that the amount contributed could be credited to the Nobility of Medinah Temple.